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Massachusetts Homoeopathic Hospital

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AND OF THE

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1879.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1878.

THE Executive Committee most respectfully report to the Trustees of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital that meetings of this committee have been held at the Hospital once in each week during the past year, and at such other times as the welfare of the institution seemed to require.

The details of preparation for the annual reunion of homœopaths, held at Music Hall, Boston, May 10, having mainly devolved upon the members of the committee, necessitated the holding of many extra sessions. These homœopathic reunions have always been considered useful and pleasant social events. That of the present year passed off in a most agreeable manner, a large number of guests attending, and the occasion being honored by the presence of his Excellency Gov. Rice, his Honor Mayor Pierce, and many other distinguished citizens. The reunion resulted financially in a most timely contribution of about five hundred dollars to the nearly depleted income of the Hospital. To state it precisely, the net sum of four hundred and eighty-three and forty one-hundredths dollars (\$483 $\frac{40}{100}$) was paid over by the committee to the treasurer of the corporation. This, we think, may be deemed a reasonably satisfactory result, considering the lateness of the season at which the reunion was held and the very moderate scale of prices for admissions and refreshments, which, in view of the general business depression, it was deemed expedient to adopt.

Since our last report, Miss I. E. Kelsey, after two years of faithful service, has resigned the position of matron, and Mrs. E. J. Hurd has been appointed thereto. The duties of this position Mrs. Hurd has performed satisfactorily.

The other domestic administration of the Hospital has also been very efficiently performed by the regular corps of employés. A careful and systematic oversight of the domestic affairs of the Hospital has been constantly maintained by the lady members of the committee, aiding and encouraging the matron in her efforts to conduct its daily routine in a neat, orderly, and economical manner.

The managers and members of the Ladies' Aid Association, in the broad field of usefulness provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws of their organization, have continued during the past year those zealous and intelligent ministrations and contributions in aid of the sick and poor

inmates of the Hospital which have heretofore proved so acceptable and beneficial.

Various contributions of fruits, flowers, delicacies, etc., for the sick and convalescent, have been received throughout the year. As usual, a record of all such welcome donations has been made in a book kept for the purpose, and whenever the address of the generous donor is known a grateful acknowledgment is always sent by the secretary of this committee.

The long-continued general depression, affecting adversely the property of all classes of the community, has undoubtedly diminished the number and amount of voluntary contributions to the Hospital; but, with a somewhat larger average number of patients, a judicious economy has substantially reduced the average cost of maintenance without curtailing the supply of substantial food, of the best quality, or depriving the sick and convalescent of any of their accustomed delicacies.

All bills for supplies and current expenses have been carefully audited by the committee before payment, and when found satisfactory, prompt settlements have been effected. No bills now remain unpaid.

The medical and surgical department of the Hospital is under the special charge of a medical and surgical board, whose report in relation thereto you will have before you.

The affairs of the Pharmacy connected with the Hospital have been most faithfully and economically conducted by Dr. S. Whitney, the regularly appointed pharmacist, who has given to its administration a large amount of valuable time and labor.

The Hospital edifice appears to be in good repair, and its furniture and fittings well cared for and in good serviceable condition. No considerable sums have been expended upon either of them for repairs during the past year.

The Hospital grounds have had no special appropriation, but have been cared for and kept neat and orderly out of the ordinary current expenses.

While we have averaged a larger number of patients treated for the year just closed than for the preceding, there is room to accommodate more, and we would gladly see every ward filled by those sick and poor ones who need the benefit of its cheerful, airy, homelike rooms, and the aid of its special medical treatment; but its funds and income are low, and require replenishing, in order to accomplish all the good for which it has facilities.

Preliminaries for a contemplated Fair, on an extensive scale, in aid of the Hospital funds, have already been initiated by some of its kind friends. It is most earnestly hoped that all friends of the institution, far and near, will cordially unite their best endeavors to make this Fair marked financial success, so as to provide ample means for largely extending the blessings of this comfortable and well-ordered Hospital, in which medical treatment is honestly conducted on the true principles of homœopathy.

Since the last annual meeting, Mrs. H. B. Stanwood has resigned from the Executive Committee, after having given most devoted and efficient service in the interest of the institution for the past two years.

The corporation may be congratulated on the marked degree of success that has attended the operations of the Hospital for the past year, there having been a larger number of patients treated, resulting in a larger proportion of cures, with a diminished cost for its maintenance.

The following statement exhibits the amount and cost of the work accomplished by the Hospital the past year: —

STATEMENT.

Number of patients in the Hospital, January 1, 1878	20
“ “ “ admitted during 1878	153
“ “ “ treated “ “	173 1
“ “ “ remaining over January 1, 1879	19
Average number of patients during the year 1878	17 $\frac{75}{100}$
Entire number of days' treatment of patients	6,479
Average number of days each patient was treated	37 $\frac{78}{100}$
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Number of paying patients for the year 1878	76 1
Entire number of days paying patients present	3,020
Average number of days for each paying patient	39 $\frac{56}{100}$
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Number of patients paying in part during the year 1878	6
Entire number of days, partial paying patients, during the year 1878	333
Average number of days, each, partial paying patients, during the year 1878	55 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Number of free patients during the year 1878	91 1
Entire number of days free patients present in 1878	3,126
Average number of days, each, free patients “ “	34 $\frac{32}{100}$
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Number of patients paying part of the time in 1878	6
Number of days this class paid in 1878	116
“ “ “ “ were treated free in 1878	217
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Entire number of days paying patients were present in 1878,	3,136
“ “ “ “ free “ “ “ “	3,343
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Total number of days patients were present in 1878	6,479
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The entire expenses of the Hospital for the year 1878	\$6,682.50
Average cost per day for the 6,479 days patients were present,	1.03 $\frac{1}{100}$
“ “ “ week for each patient during 1878	7.21 $\frac{10}{100}$
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As compared with the cost for each patient per week in 1877, this is a reduction of 18 $\frac{8}{100}$ per cent.	

These statistics show that besides the destitute, who are unable to pay anything, and those who are able to pay something towards the cost of their treatment and maintenance, we continue to receive quite a number of patients who desire to avail themselves of the advantages the Hospital presents, for homœopathic treatment, which they cannot readily obtain elsewhere, and who possess the means for defraying all the necessary charges of such accommodation as they require.

With sincere thankfulness to God for the measure of success with which the Hospital has been blest in the past, and our earnest prayers for the future, we remain,

Very respectfully,

CHESTER GUILD,
I. T. TALBOT,
P. M. KENNARD,
HELEN COLLAMORE,

Executive Committee.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1879.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

THE success of the Hospital in the past year has been, in many respects, even more satisfactory than in any preceding year. The medical treatment has been more strictly homœopathic than ever before, and the number of absolute recoveries has been relatively greater. The number of patients has considerably increased, and the average time they remained in the Hospital was reduced from the preceding year more than seven days. Several chronic cases of long duration have been cured here which have in vain sought relief elsewhere. The mortality reached but four per cent, and every one of the seven fatal cases was received into the Hospital with a full knowledge of the probable result. The death from typhoid fever occurred but a few hours after entering, the patient being comatose when he was brought to the Hospital. The following summary exhibits the number of cases of each class, with the result of treatment.

SUMMARY.

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION.	Number of cases.	Cured.	Improved.	Not improved.	Not treated.	Left without consent.	Died.	Remaining.
Fever, typhoid.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Rheumatism.....	14	6	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Debility, general.....	7	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1
Paralysis.....	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nervous diseases.....	12	3	3	.....	2	.....	.....	4
Hysteria and hypochondriasis..	9	2	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Opium and alcohol habit.....	5	.....	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....
Diseases of the eye.....	5	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ “ heart & circulat'n	11	1	3	2	1	.....	1	3
“ “ respiration... ..	15	3	4	3	.....	1	1	3
“ “ stomach.....	5	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ “ bowels.....	10	5	1	2	.....	.....	.....	2
“ “ skin.....	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
“ “ bones... ..	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ “ urinary organs..	9	1	4	.....	.....	1	1	2
“ peculiar to men.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ “ “ women....	17	7	6	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Pyæmia.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Diphtheria.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Cerebral emboli.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Atrophy of the brain.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Fractures and injuries.....	8	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tumors and cancers... ..	9	6	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Ulcers and abscesses.....	6	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Congenital malformation.....	7	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Parturition.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hernia.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	173	69	48	15	10	5	7	19

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF MASS. HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL, FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1878.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1878	\$1,014 48
For cash received from Fairfield Ins. Co., policy cancelled	29 15
“ “ “ F. W. Andrews, annual subscriptions :	
W. B. Frothingham	\$10 00
Mrs. Franklin King	25 00
“ S. S. Russell	50 00
C. G. Wood	10 00
C. G. Wood, Jr.	10 00
	<hr/> 105 00
For cash from Ladies' Aid Association for free beds	\$950 00
“ “ Estate Mrs. Ellen Frost for free beds	1,500 00
	<hr/> 2,450 00
“ “ proceeds reunion at Music Hall .	483 40
“ “ Miss Helen Collamore for life membership	100 00
“ “ Mrs. L. B. Pierce	10 00
“ “ Mr. C. W. Seabury	20 00
“ “ “ W. S. Eaton	50 00
“ “ “ Jonas French	10 00
“ “ Interest on investments : —	
City of Detroit Bonds	\$150 00
“ Cincinnati Bonds	90 00
“ Columbus “	210 00
County of St. Louis Bonds	150 00
Detroit, Hillside & Lowesten, Premium	9 60
	<hr/> 610 35
“ Boston Society of the New Jerusalem,	150 00
“ collected by Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft : —	
Mrs. C. G. White	\$5 00
“ Samuel Johnson	15 00
“ F. M. Weld	10 00
Mr. B. R. Weld	10 00
“ F. M. Weld, Jr.	10 00
“ F. M. Weld	10 00
Mrs. E. E. Floyd	5 00
“ F. W. Bird	10 00
“ Alvin Adams	10 00
“ Waldo Adams	10 00
“ J. Erskine	5 00
Miss Eliza Howe	2 00
“ Angie Howe	2 00
Mrs. J. C. Potter	10 00
“ Samuel C. Davis	50 00
“ N. B. Curtis	100 00
“ J. H. Lee	3 00
W. K. B.	14 00

For cash collected by Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft:—

Friend in West Roxbury	\$100 00	
Mrs. J. B. Moore	5 00	
“ A. H. Batchelder	100 00	
Sundry others	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$558 00

“ collected by R. A. Ballou:—

Mrs. R. N. Rice	\$2 00	
“ C. Williams	2 00	
“ G. M. Brooks	1 50	
“ James B. Wood	1 00	
“ A. J. Harlow	1 00	
Miss Louisa M. Alcott	5 00	
“ H. J. Hosmer	5 00	
	<hr/>	17 50

“ collected by Mrs. W. H. Kennard:—

Mr. F. T. Bemis	\$5 00	
“ J. Felt Osgood	50 00	
A friend to the Hospital	25 00	
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“ collected by Mr. C. Guild:—

Mr. Jno. R. Hall		100 00
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“ collected by Dr. C. Wesselhoeft:—

Miss M. A. Wright	\$20 00	
Mrs. W. F. Weld	20 00	
“ Franklin King	6 50	
“ Theo. Parker	5 00	
“ Solomon Longwood	4 00	
Mr. G. W. E. Wood	10 00	
	<hr/>	65 50

“ collected by Miss Helen Collamore:—

Miss Snow	\$20 00	
“ Bradlee	20 00	
“ Ames	20 00	
Mrs. J. N. Fiske	10 00	
Miss Collamore	10 00	
Mrs. S. Hatch	5 00	
“ I. F. Dobson	2 00	
Mr. E. Collamore	10 00	
	<hr/>	97 00

“ collected by Dr. J. P. Paine:—

Mr. J. Simpkins	\$10 00	
Sundry others	104 00	
	<hr/>	114 00

“ collected by Dr. I. T. Talbot for free
beds:—

Miss Abby W. Pearson	\$100 00	
Mrs. R. Sturgis, Jr. . . .	25 00	
Mrs. H. S. Russell	20 00	
I. B. Rich	10 00	
Mrs. A. G. Alvord	5 00	
Mrs. Anthony	2 00	
A Friend	3 00	
	<hr/>	165 00

\$6,229 38

CREDIT.

Jan.		By cash paid Insurance by F. W. Andrews .	\$37 50
"	4.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Ex. Com., by F. W. Andrews,	250 00
"	29.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Ex. Com., by F. W. Andrews,	250 00
Feb.	13.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Ex. Com., by F. W. Andrews,	250 00
Mar.	15.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Ex. Com., by F. W. Andrews,	250 00
April	5.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Ex. Com., by F. W. Andrews,	200 00
"	16.	" " A. Mudge & Son, printing .	2 00
"	16.	" " "Transcript," advertising .	4 00
"	1.	" " for check-book .	9 50
"	18.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Executive Committee .	200 00
May	3.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Executive Committee .	100 00
June	26.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Executive Committee .	200 00
Aug.	3.	" " Mrs. P. M. Kennard, Secretary	
		Executive Committee .	100 00
"	30.	" " Mrs. P. M. Kennard, Secretary	
		Executive Committee .	100 00
Sept.	28.	" " Mrs. P. M. Kennard, Secretary	
		Executive Committee .	75 00
Oct.	26.	" " Mrs. P. M. Kennard, Secretary	
		Executive Committee .	250 00
Dec.	28.	" " Mr. Chester Guild, Chairman	
		Executive Committee .	250 00
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1879, deposited in North National Bank .			3,701 38
			<u>\$6,229 38</u>

MEMORANDUM OF PROPERTY INVESTED.

Stock of	Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore Railroad .	\$17,000 00
"	Detroit, Hillsdale of Southwestern " .	6,000 00
Scrip of	" " " " .	120 00
Bonds of	county of St Louis .	5,000 00
"	city of Detroit .	5,000 00
"	" Columbus .	6,000 00
"	" Cincinnati .	3,000 00
Cost of land on	East Concord Street .	\$27,750 25
" building	" " " " .	50,242 84
		<u>77,993 09</u>
		<u>\$120,113 09</u>

E. & O. E.

ISAAC FENNO, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the treasurer's account, have performed that duty, and find the items all properly cast, and vouchers for all the charges, and have also examined the securities, and find them correct as above stated.

LIVERUS HULL.
WM. POPE.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Cost of Maintenance of Hospital for the years 1877 and 1878.

EXPENDITURES FOR	1877.	1878.	1878.	
			Decrease.	Increase.
Salaries and wages	\$2,044 67	\$2,078 89		\$34 22
Provisions, flour, and groceries .	2,958 19	2,382 31	\$575 88	
Milk	398 06	581 05		182 99
Butter	259 77	234 77	25 00	
Fuel	631 41	651 70		20 29
Gas	234 00	252 69		18 69
Water	76 93	129 82		52 89
Ice	192 71	73 00	119 71	
Medical and surgical supplies .	126 40	84 97	41 43	
Stationery, printing, postage, etc.	223 47	79 16	144 31	
Repairs and renewals	119 23	134 14		14 91
Ornamentation and care of grounds	44 09		44 09	
Insurance	30 00		30 00	
	\$7,338 93	\$6,682 50	\$980 42	\$323 99
Amount collected from patients,	\$3,694 59	\$4,385 84		\$691 25

Net decrease in expenses for 1878 \$656 43
 Per cent of decrease in expenses for 1878 9 per cent.
 Average cost each patient per day for 1878 \$1 03 1-10
 Average cost each patient per day for 1877 1 27
 Average cost each patient per week for 1878 7 21 7-10
 Average cost each patient per week for 1877 8 89
 Decrease of average cost for each patient per week for 1878, 18 8-10 per cent.

Above statement compiled from the books and accounts of the Hospital.

CHESTER GUILD,

Chairman Executive Committee.

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1879.

FREE BEDS.

DURING the first six years of the Hospital, any person, by paying one thousand dollars to the permanent fund, could secure the life use of a free bed. Eight such free beds were established. But it was found that the income from the sum thus paid was only sufficient to sustain the bed a few weeks in each year, and though the trustees did not fear any essential loss to the Hospital from this source, yet they thought it would be more satisfactory to all to make the cost of the bed nearly sufficient to meet the expense of it for the time occupied. Accordingly in 1877, it was so arranged that any person who pays one thousand dollars may have the life use of a free bed three months in each year; twenty-five hundred dollars entitles the donor to the life use of the bed all the time; and five thousand dollars establishes a permanent free bed, which may always be kept full by the donor, and which the hospital shall be bound to maintain after his decease, or it may be given immediately to the Hospital for its permanent use under such name as may be designated and arranged.

An annual subscription of one hundred and fifty dollars entitles the donor to the use of a free bed for six months in the year. Temporary free beds may be secured to be used, at any time within one year, at the regular Hospital rates to the full amount of the sum paid. This plan enables any one to own a free bed to the full amount which he may contribute or obtain, by subscription or otherwise, for the Hospital. The trustees have also by vote ordered as many free beds to be furnished at the Hospital expense as the funds will permit. The following beds are now provided:—

LIST OF FREE BEDS, JAN. 1, 1879.

NAME OF OWNER.	ADDRESS.	TIME OF PAYMENT.	AMOUNT PAID.	CHARACTER OF BED.
Mrs. George R. Russell	1 Louisburg Square.	Dec., 1870.	\$1,000 00	Life Free Bed.
Mrs. A. G. Farwell....	16 Beacon Street.	Jan., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Dr. George Russell....	14 Lynde Street.	July, 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Mrs. Mary Hemenway.	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	Aug., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Miss Hannah M. Weld.	Jamaica Plain.	Sept., 1871.	1,668 11	" "
Dr. Sullivan Whitney..	Mass. Hom. Hospital.	Oct., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Thos. F. Richardson...	13 Arlington Street.	Nov., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Hon. Rufus S. Frost ...	Chelsea.	Jan., 1876.	2,500 00	" "
Miss Ellen Stearns.....	.....	April, 1876.	1,000 00	" "
Estate of A. Hemenway	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	June, 1877.	10,000 00	Two Permanent Free Beds.
Ladies' Aid Association	.....	May, 1877.	5,000 00	Permanent Free Bed.
Society New Jerusalem	Rev. James Reed..	.....	150 00	Annual Subscription..
Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft.	52 Boylston Street.	.....	558 00	Temporary Free Bed.
Dr. C. Wesselhoeft	302 Columbus Ave.	.....	65 50	" "
Dr. J. P. Paine.....	Hotel Eliot.	.....	114 00	" "
Dr. I. T. Talbot	66 Marlborough St.	.....	165 00	" "

DONATIONS.

THE following donations have been sent to the Hospital at various times during the year 1878 :—

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Mrs. A. Hemenway, Mrs. O. Ditson, Mrs. F. W. Andrews, Dr. H. H. Cushing, Mr. B. R. Wells, Miss Wales, Miss C. A. French, Miss E. R. Mayo, Mrs. D. Hunt, Mrs. C. F. Moring, "Flower Mission," Mrs. Dr. Weld, Mrs. F. King, Miss Noyes, Mrs. R. S. Watson, Flower Mission Hollis Street Church, Mrs. Wm. Pope, Rev. D. W. Waldron, Mr. J. E. Stanwood, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. H. S. Durant, Mrs. C. Blake, Mrs. I. Fenno, Mr. T. L. Harris, Mrs. Dr. Fuller, Mrs. H. H. Hunnewell, Miss S. E. Colburn.

ICE CREAMS AND JELLIES.

Mrs. A. Hemenway, Mrs. O. Ditson, Mrs. F. W. Andrews, Miss Wales, Rev. D. W. Waldron, Mrs. A. Strong, Mrs. I. T. Talbot.

GROCERIES.

Mrs. B. F. Stevens, Mrs. C. F. Moring, Mrs. A. Hemenway.

PICTURES, MAGAZINES, PAPERS, AND BOOKS.

Mrs. A. E. Batchellor, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. G. W. E. Wood, Mrs. R. Richardson, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Dow, J. R. W. Shapleigh, Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. R. Pulsifer, Mrs. F. King, Mrs. S. A. Cushing, Mrs. Lowd, Mrs. Abbot, Mrs. Conant, Dr. Shaw, Miss A. W. Pearson, Mr. A. Reed, G. R. Fiske, M. A. Heard, Mrs. Weld.

LINEN, COTTON, ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.

Mrs. P. C. Brooks, Miss H. Collamore, Miss Wales, Mrs. Wm. Blanchard, Mrs. E. Field, Mrs. J. H. Thorndike, Mrs. C. F. Moring, Mrs. Weld, Miss A. W. May, Mrs. Fenno Tudor, Mrs. Conant, Mrs. S. P. Minot, Mrs. C. V. Whitten, Mrs. Ayers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Received from Mr. W. H. Baldwin, President Young Men's Christian Union, ten orders for carriage rides for the patients ; from Messrs. E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., of St. Johnsbury, Vt., portable scales, six hundred pounds ; from Wm. Lumb & Co., hose pipe and sprinkler ; from Miss Jackson, five dollars for extra help ; from friends in Newton, playthings for children. We are indebted for many gifts to ladies who, through delicacy, have refused to give their names. Parcels have been received, also, by expressmen from unknown donors.

MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

Named in Act of Incorporation.

Otis Clapp.
 John P. Jewett.
 Jacob Sleeper.
 Charles B. Hall.
 George Bancroft.
 *John D. Richardson.
 *Adam W. Thaxter, Jr.
 *Simon G. Cheever.
 *Otis Tufts.
 Robert L. Robbins.
 James Dennie.
 Dr. H. C. Ahlborn.
 Mrs. E. B. Allen.
 Frank W. Andrews.
 Dr. H. C. Angell.
 C. A. Bartol.
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 Miss Sarah H. Blanchard.
 D. H. Blaney.
 Mrs. Peter C. Brooks.
 B. F. Campbell.
 Mrs. George Chase.
 Dr. H. L. Chase.
 W. W. Churchill.
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 *Mrs. Edward Codman.
 Miss Helen Collamore.
 George D. Cox.
 Mrs. Mary B. Curtis.
 Mrs. John F. Demeritt.
 Mrs. Oliver Ditson.
 *Joseph Dix.
 Mrs. A. G. Farwell.
 Isaac Fenno.
 Mrs. Isaac Fenno.
 Dr. M. J. Flanders.
 Mrs. J. M. Forbes.
 Jonathan French.
 R. S. Frost.
 *Mrs. Ellen Frost.
 †Miss Ellen Frothingham.
 Joel Goldthwait.
 Chester Guild.
 †Dr. E. B. de Gersdorff.
 John R. Hall.
 Alpheus Hardy.
 Mrs. Augustus Hemenway.
 F. A. Howard.
 *Mrs. Peter Hubbell.

Liverus Hull.
 C. E. Jenkins.
 Mrs. F. O. Kendall.
 Mrs. M. P. Kennard.
 Mrs. W. H. Kennard.
 C. F. McClure.
 Mrs. C. F. McClure.
 Wm. B. Merrill.
 John Felt Osgood.
 Mrs. John Felt Osgood.
 Dr. J. P. Paine.
 Miss Abby W. Pearson.
 A. C. Perkins.
 R. Perkins.
 William Pope.
 William C. Pope.
 Mrs. H. E. Raymond.
 Mrs. B. T. Reed.
 Isaac B. Rich.
 Thos. F. Richardson.
 S. B. Rindge.
 Mrs. S. B. Rindge.
 Royal E. Robbins.
 Dr. George Russell.
 Mrs. George R. Russell.
 Henry S. Russell.
 Dr. O. S. Sanders.
 Mrs. Deborah Shaw.
 Francis G. Shaw.
 Mrs. H. B. Stanwood.
 Miss Ellen Stearns.
 †R. H. Stearns.
 †Joseph Story.
 Mrs. C. E. Stratton.
 James Sturgis, Jr.
 Dr. I. T. Talbot.
 Mrs. Caroline Tappan.
 Isaac Thatcher.
 Dr. David Thayer.
 Mrs. Fenno Tudor.
 *Dr. F. H. Underwood.
 D. B. Washburn.
 Miss Hannah M. Weld.
 Dr. C. Wesselhoeft.
 Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft.
 Benj. H. White.
 Dr. S. Whitney.
 †Charles G. Wood.
 Dr. J. H. Woodbury.
 Dr. D. G. Woodvine.
 †David L. Webster.

* Deceased.

† Members during term of office.

BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the Act incorporating certain persons by the name of the "Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital," of such persons as may be, at any legal meeting of the Corporation, nominated and elected as members, and also of all such persons as shall have contributed the sum of one hundred dollars, or upwards, at any one time.

ART. 2. There shall be a meeting of the Corporation, on the third Wednesday in January, in each year, to be called the Annual Meeting, at which the following officers shall be elected, viz. : a President, four Vice-Presidents, such number of Trustees as the Corporation shall determine, not exceeding thirty, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; to serve one year and till others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. Any person elected to, and signifying his acceptance of either of the offices mentioned in this article, shall become thereby a member of the Corporation during the term of office.

ART. 3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by the Secretary, in one or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least fourteen days, and by mail five days, previous to the day of meeting ; but said meeting may be continued, from time to time, until the business thereof shall be accomplished ; the Secretary giving at least one day's notice of the time and place of said adjournment, in a newspaper printed in Boston.

ART. 4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, if present, and shall have power to order special meetings of the Corporation or Board of Trustees whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient, the Secretary giving at least seven days' notice of such special meetings of the Corporation in one or more of the newspapers printed in Boston, and at least two days' notice of such special meetings of the Board of Trustees, to be sent by mail to each of the members.

In the absence or incapacity of the President, or vacancy of the office, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties which devolve upon the President.

ART. 6. The Trustees shall constitute a board for the immediate management of all the property and concerns of the institution. They shall make such by-laws, rules, and regulations to govern their action as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the charter and by-laws of the Corporation. They shall meet at such times and places as they shall by vote determine, or as the President may direct, and all questions which come before the board shall be determined by a majority of the Trustees present and voting thereon. They shall have power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, dona-

tions, and bequests to the Corporation; to petition the Legislature for any additional grants or privileges, and for such amendments and alterations of the several Acts relative to the Corporation as they may think advisable; to take charge of and watch over the general interests and concerns of the institution, to enter into and bind the Corporation by such compacts and engagements as they may deem advantageous; to appoint, annually or otherwise, all proper and necessary physicians, surgeons, officers, assistants, and servants, for the superintendence and management of the respective departments, with such salaries and allowances as they may, from time to time, fix and determine; to make such rules and regulations for the government of the said physicians, surgeons, officers, attendants, and servants, and for the admission of patients, and the well ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the institution as to them may seem proper and expedient. *Provided*, however, that the said by-laws, rules, and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or amended by the Corporation at their annual meeting, or at any legal meeting specially called for that purpose.

They shall cause a fair record of all their doings to be kept, which shall be laid before the Corporation at every meeting thereof; and at every annual meeting, they shall make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the institution, comprising an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation, a statement of the number of patients admitted and discharged during the year in each department, and all such other matters as may be of importance and interest to the Corporation; and for this purpose they shall, at some previous meeting, appoint a committee of the board.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each. He shall also audit the accounts of the institution, and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Corporation, which he shall keep and manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees or their Committee of Finance. He shall pay no money but by order of the Board of Trustees, or of their committees, duly authorized by the board to draw on him therefor.* He shall render an account of the state of his books and of the funds and property in his custody, when called for by the Trustees or Corporation; and he shall make up the accounts to the last day of December in each year, which accounts, properly audited, shall be laid before the Corporation at their annual meeting.

* The following vote was passed by the Board of Trustees, on April 4, 1878: "The Treasurer is authorized to invest moneys or property belonging to the Hospital, and to sell or exchange any investments, only in accordance with a vote of the Board of Trustees certified to by the Secretary; or by written instruction signed by a majority of the Finance Committee.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

I. APPLICATIONS of patients for admission may be made to the house physician or house surgeon at the hospital on any day of the week and, when practicable, between 11 and 12 o'clock. The patient should apply in person, when able to do so ; otherwise application may be made by a friend, and the patient will be visited by the house physician or house surgeon, and if admitted by the attending physician or surgeon, the proper papers will be forwarded to the patient.

II. The patient on admission shall give security, satisfactory to the Executive Committee, for the payment of expenses in the hospital.

III. In cases of accident or of extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.

IV. Contagious diseases, syphilis, delirium tremens, and also incurable diseases will not be admitted to the hospital.

V. No patient will be allowed to remain longer than twelve weeks, except by the special consent of the Medical Board.

VI. All patients will be admitted and discharged upon the certificate of the attending physician or surgeon. He shall have discretionary power in the dismissal of patients, or he may refer doubtful cases to the Medical Board.

Patients shall be discharged by the attending physician or surgeon at any time when, in his opinion, the interests of the patient or of the hospital demand it.

VII. Whenever a patient is removed from the hospital without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, he shall require from the person assuming the responsibility of the removal a written statement to that effect.

VIII. The attending physician or surgeon shall not deliver the body of any person having died at the hospital, without a written receipt from the parties taking the same.

IX. In case of the decease of any patient, the friends shall be apprised thereof by the matron, and the attending physician or surgeon shall sign a certificate of death, and shall furnish the City Registrar with a copy of the same. He shall also state the time and cause of death, the disposition made of the body, whether delivered to friends or buried from the hospital. In the last case he shall mention the place of interment.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

I. Patients must be in their proper places in the wards during the daily medical and surgical visits, between 11 and 12 A. M., and always by 8 P. M., unless specially exempted by the attending physician or surgeon.

II. Patients shall not visit other wards without the consent of the matron.

III. Those free patients who are able are expected to assist in nursing and in such other services as may be reasonably required of them.

IV. No patient shall purchase, or cause any member of the household to purchase for him, any article of food whatsoever, or any other article, without the consent of the matron.

V. Profane or obscene language, noisy or loud talking, and incivility are prohibited.

VI. The use of tobacco, wine, and intoxicating liquors is prohibited within the hospital, unless prescribed by the physician.

VII. Patients may be visited by a clergyman of their own selection, and the wish for the performance of any particular religious rite shall be indulged when practicable.

VIII. The rules of the hospital must be implicitly obeyed by the patients. Should any patient wilfully and persistently disregard these rules, the friends will be notified to take him away, or, failing to do so, he will be discharged.

IX. Complaints for whatever cause may be made to the matron or Executive Committee, and when reasonable, shall be obviated, or reported by them to the trustees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

When the trustees are not in session the Executive Committee shall have entire charge and control of the hospital, and execute all the orders and directions of the trustees in relation to it. They shall regulate all the supplies and purchases of the hospital, except those pertaining to the pharmacist; determine the necessary number and the wages respectively of all the employés of the hospital; fix the price per week of the various beds or rooms, and whenever it is necessary, advise with and assist the matron in enforcing the rules and regulations of the hospital. They shall meet as often as once a week to examine and consider the affairs of the hospital committed to them, and report on all important matters at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.

THE MEDICAL BOARD.

I. The Medical Board shall consist of the physicians and surgeons appointed by the Board of Trustees.

II. They shall have full power and control over the medical and surgical treatment of all the patients in the hospital.

III. They shall make such rules and regulations as they may deem best for their control and government, not inconsistent with the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the hospital as established by the Board of Trustees.

IV. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Medical Board shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON.

I. The hospital shall be under the care of the matron, who shall live in the building and shall not leave it except on necessary occasions. She shall not be absent for more than three hours at any one time, nor after ten o'clock, P. M., without the leave of the Executive Committee. She shall have the assistance of such nurses and servants as the Executive Committee may think proper, and shall hire, and, when necessary, discharge the same.

II. The matron shall have the immediate superintendence of the nurses, servants, and all inmates of the hospital, and shall enforce personal cleanliness, neatness, and obedience to orders on their part. In case of any refusal to conform to these rules and regulations, she shall report the same to the Executive Committee.

III. The matron shall make the entire round of the hospital at least once a day, that she may be assured of the neatness and order of each department, and may become acquainted with the patients, their necessities and wants, and see that they have every comfort.

IV. She shall have charge and superintendence of all furniture, bedding, linen, provisions, table and household supplies, and see that none are unnecessarily wasted or destroyed. She shall keep in a book, designed for this purpose, an exact inventory of all goods belonging to and in the hospital; and also memoranda of breakages or losses, occasioned by the patients or otherwise, and is directed to require payment for any article carelessly injured or broken, and make a report each Saturday to the Executive Committee.

V. It is the duty of the matron to receive all visitors, exercising discretion in showing to all suitable persons the hospital and such wards as they may desire to see.

VI. The matron shall assign rooms or beds to patients on their entrance according to the price of board agreed upon, and shall collect weekly the bills of all those who are not free patients.

VII. The matron is requested to exclude from conversation at her table, and in every other place in the hospital, all topics of a personal nature about any patient, such as anecdotes of patients, complaints, etc. Any nurse or servant violating this rule shall be discharged.

VIII. The matron shall require punctuality at meals on the part of all connected with the hospital.

The following are the hours for the meals: —

	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
For Patients	7 A. M.	12½ P. M.	6 P. M.
For Matron, House Physician and Surgeon, and Nurses	7½ “	1 “	6½ “
For Janitor and Servants	8 “	1½ “	7 “

IX. If it be desired to invite any guest to one meal, the consent of the matron shall be obtained; if to more than one, the consent of the Executive Committee is required.

X. The matron shall insist upon economy in all departments of the hospital.

XI. All supplies received by the hospital, either by gift or purchase, shall be entered in a book called the “supply book,” which shall be regularly laid before the Executive Committee.

XII. A record shall be kept by the matron of every important occurrence in the hospital.

XIII. No gift or remuneration shall be received by the matron, nurses, or servants, for anything done or to be done in virtue of their situation, upon pain of peremptory dismissal.

HOUSE PHYSICIAN AND HOUSE SURGEON.

I. The House Physician and House Surgeon shall reside at the hospital, and shall not absent themselves for more than two hours at any time without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, and on no account shall both be absent from the hospital at the same time, unless it be in the attendance upon medical lectures in the adjoining college at such time as their services may not be required in the hospital.

II. They shall accompany the attending physician and surgeon respectively in their daily visits, make a careful record of the cases, the treatment, and the prescribed diet, prepare the medicine as directed, and deliver the same, together with necessary orders, to the nurses, directly after the morning visit.

III. They shall also have charge of the medical and surgical apparatus, and the library of the hospital.

IV. They shall attend to patients on their admission, and give the necessary directions for their comfort before they are seen by their regular medical attendant, and beside the morning visit with the attending physician and surgeon, they shall make a daily evening visit to each patient between the hours of seven and eight P. M., and at such other times only as they may be requested to do so by the matron or nurse.

V. They shall, each in his own department, see all persons who apply for admission, either for themselves or for their friends, and shall, if practicable, visit or see the patient before admission to the hospital. They shall make a record of all important facts in the case, in books kept for the purpose. If the case is obviously unsuitable for admission, under the

rules of the hospital, they shall so record it ; if otherwise, they shall report the case as soon as possible to the attending physician or surgeon, and obtain from him and transmit to the patient the necessary papers for admission. They shall conduct such correspondence in relation to the admission of patients as may be directed by the attending physician or surgeon.

VI. All communications of a personal nature made to the house physician or surgeon by a patient, or by the attending physician or surgeon concerning a patient, shall be considered as strictly confidential.

RULES FOR NURSES.

I. The nurses shall be responsible to the house physician or surgeon, as the case may be, for the regular administration of medicines and the care of patients, in accordance with the directions of the attending physician or surgeon, and shall not give, or allow to be given, to the patients any article of food or drink except such as the physician or surgeon may permit.

II. When articles of food are brought by visitors, the nurse will receive and take them to the matron until permission be given for their being eaten.

III. The linen of medical wards shall be changed twice weekly ; and in the surgical wards according to special instructions in each case. In the confinement wards at least one clean sheet shall be given each day ; the pillow-cases shall be changed twice weekly ; the personal clothing every two days, unless otherwise ordered by the attending physician.

IV. The soiled clothes from confinement and surgical wards shall be removed from the room at once ; no clothes soiled in washing patients, medical and surgical furniture or apparatus, such as bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be used twice, or put in a closet after use until thoroughly cleansed.

V. Each morning nurses shall procure from the matron the required clean bed-linen and towels for their wards, and send the soiled linen to the laundry.

VI. The face and hands of all patients shall be bathed and their bed-linen changed before breakfast, unless in special cases, when instruction will be given by the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. The patients in the medical wards, unless too ill, may generally bathe themselves ; in the surgical wards, the bathing will be according to special instructions in each case ; in confinement wards the nurses shall bathe each patient once daily ; when more or less frequently, special instructions will be given.

VIII. Nurses are required to be extremely careful at all times, and especially in bathing the patients, dressing wounds, giving enemata, etc., that there be the least possible exposure of the patient.

IX. Nurses shall follow the visits of the physician or surgeon, and shall, in all cases, hold themselves in readiness after the visit to receive orders from the house physician or surgeon. Concerning everything

which may occur between the visits, the nurse may consult either house physician or surgeon, as the case may be.

X. A strict watch of each patient and of every symptom shall be kept by the nurse, and reported to the physician or surgeon at the visits, and the nurse should be able to give exact information of the quantity and quality of all discharges, etc.

XI. The nurse shall see that the medicine-glasses of her ward are kept replenished, fresh medicine prepared daily, and the empty glasses thoroughly cleansed.

XII. The bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be cleansed immediately after use, and kept in a designated place for inspection at the morning visit of the matron.

XIII. Articles belonging to each ward shall be kept for that ward only.

XIV. The nurses shall frequently wash the utensils as well as their own hands, with a weak solution of some disinfectant.

XV. Nurses will see that all is quiet in their wards during the night, and that the patients are not wakened before six o'clock, A. M. Between the hours of nine o'clock, P. M. and six A. M., all noise, such as the turning on of water, unnecessary opening and shutting of doors, etc., shall be completely avoided.

XVI. The nurse in the surgical department shall see that the patients are kept perfectly quiet twenty-four hours at least after any important surgical operation, and that no person shall see them during this time without the permission of the surgeon.

XVII. No visitors are allowed to patients in the maternity wards until five days after confinement.

XVIII. The nurses are required to see that visitors do not come into their wards without permission, nor remain longer than the time prescribed.

XIX. Each nurse, while on duty, shall wear a soft cotton dress, white apron, and soft shoes without heels. She shall particularly care for her personal cleanliness, neatness, and simplicity in attire.

XX. Underclothes should be perfectly plain; no elaborately trimmed garments can be sent to the hospital laundry, and the number each week shall not exceed eighteen pieces for each person.

XXI. The nurses shall take a half-hour's exercise daily, in the open air, at such time as the matron shall designate. When the nurse requires to be out a longer time, she must obtain special permission from the matron.

XXII. It is strictly forbidden that nurses spend their time in each other's wards or rooms.

XXIII. All lights are to be put out in the wards at nine o'clock, except in special cases of sickness.

XXIV. The nurses are, in a great degree, responsible in their wards for the happiness and comfort of their patients, and will, in any difficulty or need, apply to the attending physician, house physician, surgeon, or matron, as the case may be, in securing these.

XXV. The nurses shall immediately report to the matron any infringements of the rules and regulations of the hospital by the patients.

XXVI. The nurses are requested not to waste gas or water, and to read over these rules every week.

PHARMACIST.

The pharmacist shall have charge and make all purchases of the medicines, medical and surgical supplies and instruments, required in the hospital as directed by the Medical Board.

JANITOR.

The janitor shall have charge and be responsible for all the fires in the hospital, and shall keep the wards and halls at a temperature of 70° or as near thereto as possible. He shall also see that the gas and water are properly regulated, and not wasted or unnecessarily used, and that the hospital grounds are suitably cared for.

He shall assist in the moving and care of the patients and attend to such other matters about the hospital as the matron may require. He shall not leave the hospital grounds without the knowledge and consent of the matron. He shall see that all the windows and doors are secured, and the gas in the halls turned off at ten o'clock, P. M.

SERVANTS.

I. Servants are to rise at six o'clock, summer and winter.

II. The servants will receive their orders from the matron or some one designated by her, and will be held accountable by the matron for their proper performance.

III. The work must be done promptly, and as early as possible in the morning.

IV. All employes must be in their respective places during their hours of duty. The doors of the hospital will be closed at ten P. M., at which time all are expected to be quiet, and those not on duty in their own rooms.

VISITORS.

I. Patients will be permitted to receive visits from their friends on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, from two to four o'clock, P. M., and at no other time without a special permit from the physician or matron.

In all cases, however, the attending physician or surgeon may exercise discretionary powers as to excluding or admitting visitors. All visitors must leave at the expiration of the visiting hours.

II. Visitors will not be permitted to take any meal in the hospital, or to pass the night therein, without the permission of the Executive Committee.

III. No visitor will be allowed to give any article of food or drink to a patient, unless by permission of the attending physician or surgeon, and any articles sent to the patient shall be left with the matron or nurse.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION,

MASSACHUSETTS HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL, 1878-9.

THE close of the present year finds the membership of the Ladies' Aid Association little changed. Several new names have been added, while a few vacancies have occurred, some of these by death.

Mrs. Rufus S. Frost became one of our directors in 1872, the year of our very successful fair for this hospital, in which she took so cheerful and active an interest. Her presence was ever welcome at the meetings of our Board, where her counsels were always well considered and wise. Her services as visitor were faithful, and her reports attested a judicious and discriminating attention to the widest and truest interests of this institution, which occupied some of her latest thoughts in an increased provision for her free bed, now called by her name. To fill the vacancy made by this sad bereavement, Miss Rogers, who had long been a voluntary, welcome visitor, was elected.

FREE BED.

The free bed of our Association has been credited by the treasurer of the hospital, during the year, with \$950. This, in addition to the \$3,500 paid last year from the treasury of our Association, leaves a balance of \$550 to be raised; toward which we ask earnest and individual effort of all our members.

Miss Wales and Mrs. Ditson, of our Board, are the committee having the bed in charge, from whose report is the following extract:—

“The committee think the bed would better fulfil the intentions of its donors if each member of the Association knew that all that is necessary to obtain admission for any poor and sick person, men, women, or children, is to apply to the committee, giving case, name, and residence of the would-be patient, and name and residence of person applying. The admitting physician would then examine the patient, and judge if properly a hospital case.”

Mrs. F. W. Andrews, chairman of the committee for completing the funds for this free bed, will thankfully receive any donations in its behalf.

In place of a Supply Committee we have now a Finance Committee, appointed by the Board; Mrs. Andrews, chairman, Mrs. Whitney, and Mrs. Hunt, to whom are delegated purchases for the hospital approved by the Board.

Our usual work is so quiet and unobtrusive that little may be known of its results. Of the wearied, discouraged hearts gladdened by cheerful words spoken; of bright face and eyes from the outside world beaming upon faded cheek and sunken outlook of a sad spirit; of any mission to the morbid mind or thirsty soul that may have been fulfilled, — we make no record.

In the absence of any special event the past year, it may be of interest and well to recall some of the manifest results accomplished in previous years. Most of the free beds, and all the perpetual free beds, stand in names of members of our Association as their donors. Six of the eight private wards and the physician's room were furnished by as many of our members, as were also the greater proportion of beds in the larger wards. Many other furnishings, useful and ornamental, were provided by Association members, and treasury, — nearly all that were required.

Grateful to many friends for generous aid in the past, we may congratulate ourselves upon contributing thus materially toward an attractive home, and a well-appointed hospital building.

For the Association,

CAROLINE A. KENNARD,

Secretary.

Boston, Jan. 29, 1879.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. The object of this Association shall be to aid the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

ARTICLE II. Ladies may become members of this Association by the payment of \$2.00 annually.

ARTICLE III. The officers shall consist of twelve directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, who shall have the control of the affairs of the Association, and shall submit a report of their doings at the annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. The secretary and treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices. Each director shall select some person or persons, who with herself shall be a Board of Hospital Visitors for the month to which she is assigned. It shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors to provide, as far as possible, for the needs of the patients. The number of visits per week may be left to the discretion of the monthly visitor, provided the visits be not less than two per week.

ARTICLE V. The annual meeting of the Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the last Wednesday of January, immediately after the monthly meeting.

Monthly meetings of the Board of Officers shall be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

At each regular meeting a report shall be made by the Board of Visitors for that month.

Special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Officers shall be held on the call of the secretary, at the request of three directors.

ARTICLE VI. Should vacancies occur in the Board of Officers, they may be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE VII. The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended at its annual meeting.

OFFICERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION FOR 1879.

DIRECTORS.

MRS. GEO. R. RUSSELL,
MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MRS. A. G. FARWELL,
MRS. FRANKLIN KING,
MRS. ALEXANDER STRONG,
MRS. FRANK R. ALLEN,

MRS. AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY,
MRS. DAVID HUNT,
MISS M. J. ROGERS,
MRS. WILLIAM POPE,
MRS. EDWARD R. WHITNEY,
MRS. S. T. HOOPER.

SECRETARY.

MISS MARY R. WALES.

TREASURER.

MRS. F. W. ANDREWS.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION, MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1878,	\$166 30
Received annual subscriptions	\$556 00
“ amount paid by Mrs. F. W. Andrews, contri- butions for free bed	800 00
“ proceeds of concert by Mrs. R. D. Evans . . .	150 00
	<u>1,506 00</u>
	\$1,672 30
Paid for supplies, etc.	\$374 74
“ Isaac Fenno, Treasurer Mass. Homœopathic Hospi- tal, on account free bed*	950 00
	<u>1,297 74</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1879	<u>\$374 56</u>

E. & O. E.

MRS. S. T. HOOPER, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1879.

We have examined the accounts of the treasurer and found them correct and properly vouched.

MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MISS MARY R. WALES.

* NAMES OF DONORS TO FREE BED, L. A. A., PREVIOUS TO JANUARY, 1879.

South Cong. Church, \$200	Jonathan French, \$100	Mrs. Alexander Strong, \$50
Mrs. Geo. R. Russell, 50	Thomas C. Wales, 20	D. B. Flint, 33
Friend, G. H. N., 45	Mrs. Dr. H. L. Chase, 25	Mrs. D. Hubbard, 15
Mrs. Peter C. Brooks, 100	Mrs. Fred. H. Bradlee, 50	Proceeds of concert by Mrs. R. D. Evans, 150
Mrs. Nathaniel R. Whitney, 5	Miss Ellen Frothingham, 5	Interest on deposit, 2
Dr. Stanton (Newport, R.I.) 25	Mrs. Oliver Ditson, 25	
Mrs. Isaac Fenno, 20	W. B. Potter, 10	
Mrs. John Ware, 10	N. D. Whitney, 10	<u>\$950</u>

MEMBERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

Alvord, Mrs. A. G.	Cutter, Miss A. F.	Goldthwait, Mrs. John
Angell, Mrs. H. C.	Curtis, Mrs. Paul	Goddard, Miss Julia
Ahlborn, Mrs. Henry	Curtis, Mrs. Henry	Greeley, Mrs. Joseph
Albree, Mrs. John	Clapp, Mr. Wm. W.	Greenleaf, Mr. R. C.
Adams, Mr. L. B.	Clapp, Mrs. Wm. W.	Gray, Mrs. J. H.
Apthorp, Mrs. R. E.	Crosby, Mrs. Franklin	Gray, Mrs. Thomas
Allen, Mrs. F. A.	Cotton, Mrs. D. P.	Green, Mrs. Franklin
Atkinson, Mrs. Edward	Chapman, Mrs. D. R.	Green, Miss Emily
Adams, Mrs. Thomas	Clark, Miss S. B. R.	Green, Mrs. Geo. H.
Andrews, Mrs. F. W.	Clement, Miss Helen I.	Graves, Miss F. H.
Blake, Mrs. Charles	Crane, Mrs. Joshua	Harding, Mrs. W. H.
Bancroft, Mrs. George	Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.	Hardy, Mrs. Alpheus
Batcheller, Mrs. A. H.	Chase, Mrs. Dr. H. L.	Hadley, Miss S.
Baker, Mrs. Richard	Cushing, Mrs. Dr. A. M.	Harris, Mrs. Wm.
Bartol, Miss L. H.	Collamore, Miss Helen	Harris, Miss Fannie K.
Bemis, Mrs. F. T.	Chandler, Mrs. Mary B.	Hall, Mr. Chas. B.
Baker, Mr. C. T.	Darrah, Mrs. R. K.	*Hart, Mrs. W. T.
Brown, Mrs. M. E. A. C.	Dorr, Mrs. C. H.	Henshaw, Miss A. B.
Brigham, Mrs. Wm.	Dana, Mrs. Geo. N.	Hemenway, Mrs. Aug.
Brown, Miss H. L.	Dewson, Mrs. F. A.	Hedge, Mrs. F. H.
Benedict, Mrs. W. G.	Durant, Mrs. H. F.	Hills, Mrs. W. S.
Bigelow, Mrs. L. A.	Dennie, Mrs. Geo.	Horton, Miss Fannie
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ANY person can aid the hospital by contributing in either of the following ways:—

1. Donations of money in any amount and at any time, as it is always needed; also of fruit, flowers, vegetables, provisions, books, ornaments, clothing, bandages, old linen, and whatever is necessary or useful for the sick.

2. Annual subscriptions, to be paid at any time during the year, and continued at the will of the donor.

3. One hundred dollars for membership.

4. One hundred and fifty dollars annually for a free bed, to be used six months in the year.

5. One thousand dollars for a free bed, to be used three months each year during the donor's life.

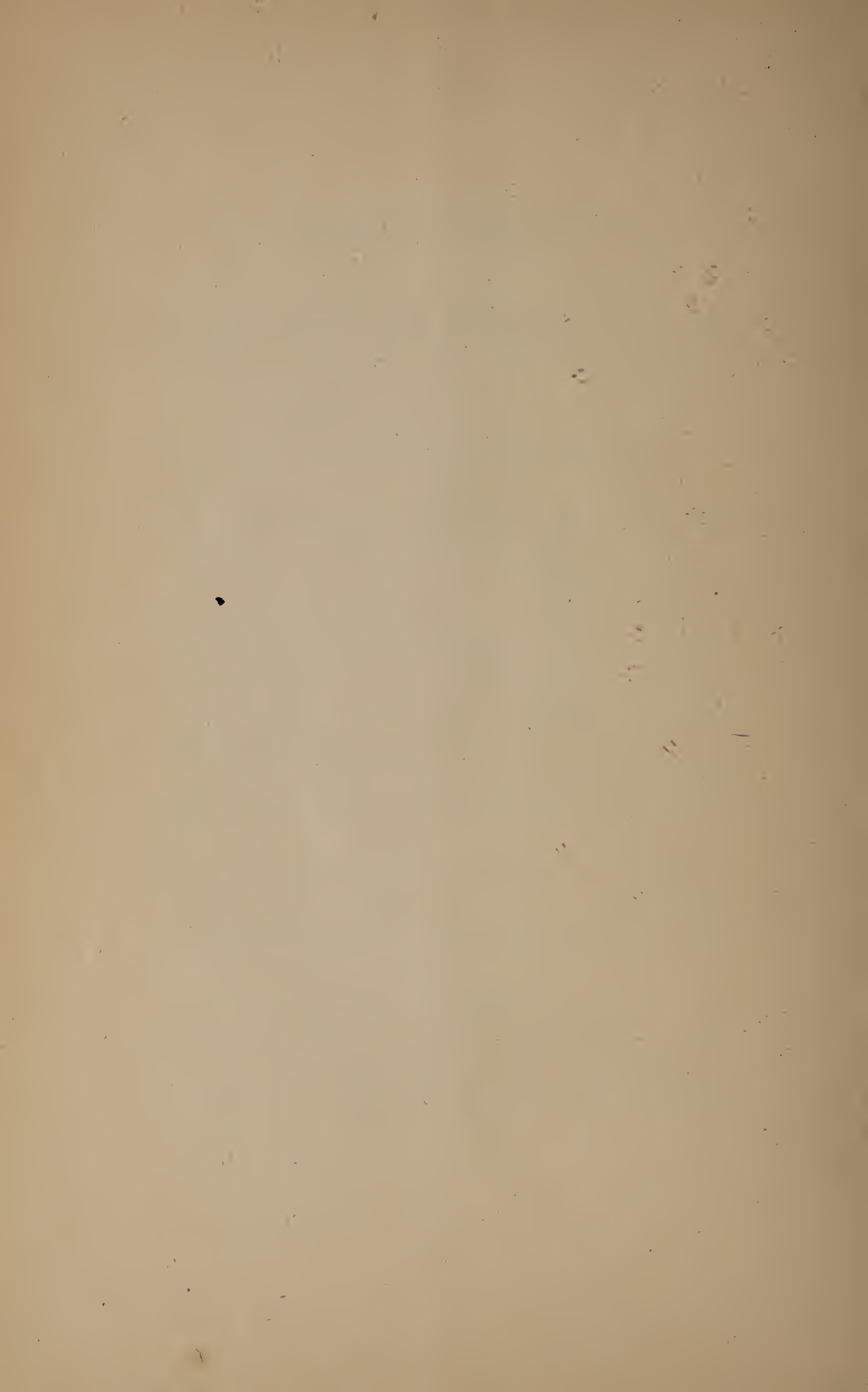
6. Twenty-five hundred dollars for a free bed, to be used all the time, if desired, during the donor's life.

7. Five thousand dollars for a permanent free bed, which may be kept always full.

8. Any sum of money given or collected for free beds, for which a certificate is issued which entitles the holder to a free bed within one year, to the full amount of the certificate, at the established hospital rates. By this method almost any person may secure the control of a free bed.

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I give and bequeath to the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, to be paid by my executors to the person acting as treasurer, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said hospital, under the direction of its board of officers.

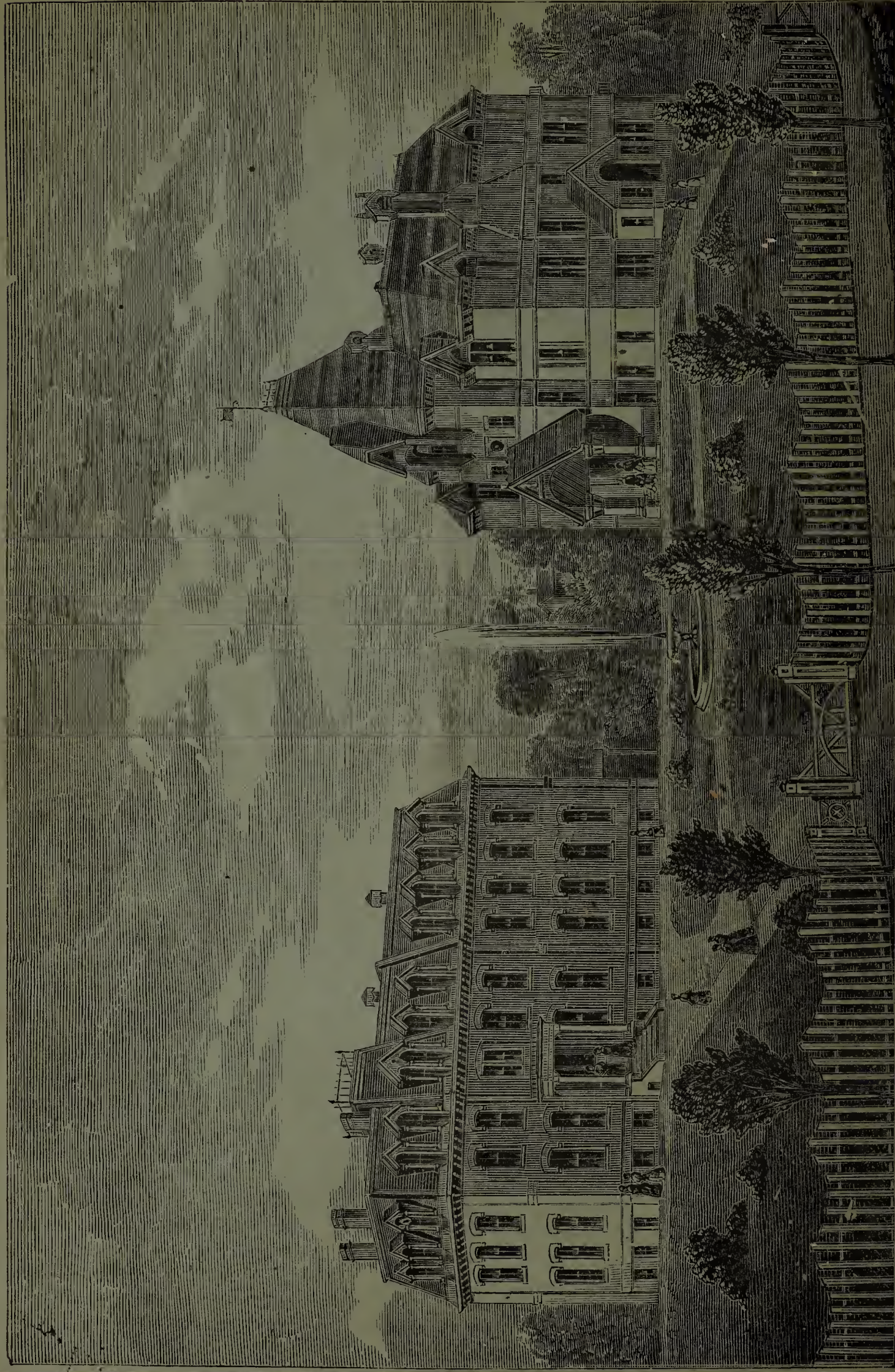


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All applications, either by letter or otherwise, for admission to the Hospital, should be made to the Attending Physician or Surgeon, who will ascertain whether the case is suitable, and if so, will procure and furnish to the patient the necessary papers for admission.

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